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Oath/Declaration

On page 2 of the Office Action the Examiner stated that the oath or declaration is defective. The Examiner was contacted by telephone on December 6, 2004 to discuss the status of the declaration. The Examiner subsequently stated that the declaration was acceptable.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 112

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-18 under 35 USC §112 as being indefinite. The Examiner objected to the use of the term "controlled by six-step operation". Applicants point out to the Examiner that six-step operation is a term of art in the field of electric motor control. Applicants have included as Appendix 1 a description of six-step operation. Applicants assert that Claims 1, 9, and 12, and their corresponding dependant claims are definite and should be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

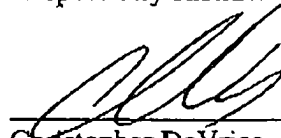
The entire Office Action dated September 2, 2004 has been carefully reviewed, and this response is submitted as being fully responsive thereto. In view of the preceding remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-18 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action at the Examiner's earliest convenience. If the Examiner believes that personal contact would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is requested to call the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

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If for some reason a fee needs to be paid as well as one-month extension, please charge  
Deposit Account No. 07-0960 for the fees, which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,



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